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Stormy winds of winter,
Chilly, drifting snow,
Housed the busy printer
As low the winds may blow.

His type are dropping,
And there into the case,
He sends so briskly popping,
His letter in its place.

And the useful printer
Comforts himself with need!
His nights were dull in winter,
He not the news to read.

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The income of Mr. Jones was not large, yet sufficient for the comfortable support of his family, if he had not been afflicted with a singular mental malady, which showed itself in a strange aversion to paying cash for anything—that is, anything useful. Mrs. Jones, on the contrary, had a particular horror of running up accounts. If she lacked the means of buying any needed article, she preferred doing without it altogether to purchasing on credit. Mr. Jones liked to have money in his pocket. It made him feel uncomfortably poor if his purse was empty.

But, unfortunately, he was a man of many wants, and we fear, with a little vein of covetousness in his heart, for to look upon an attractive thing was instantly followed by a desire to possess it. This being so, it is not strange that the money carried in his pocket was ever diminishing, and that he could not always tell what had become of it.

"I am going out this morning," said Mrs. Jones, about six months previous to the time our story commences, "and I wish you would let me have ten dollars."

"Ten dollars?" Mr. Jones shrugged his shoulders. "What are you going to buy?"

"I want a piece of muslin, for one thing, and—"

"Oh, well, Mary, I can arrange all that for you, easily enough. I haven't the money to spare, this morning; but I'll stop at Parker's as I go down, and tell him to let you have whatever you want. You'll find him a very pleasant man to deal with, and glad to get your custom."

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